Non-formal Education Programme

1861. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Non-formal Education Programme has remained largely on paper for over two decades ever since it was launched in 1979-80;

(b) if not, how far the targets fixed under Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans have remained unfulfilled, State-wise, and for the country as a whole; and

(c) whether the Non-formal Education Centres too remained mostly on paper in different States; if so, the mechanism put in place to muster their functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [Dr. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The scheme of Non-Formal Education (NFE) launched in 1979-80 was implemented by State/UT Governments and Voluntary Agencies. The scheme was evaluated, and based on the recommendations of the evaluating Agencies, it was modified as Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative and Innovative Education (EGS&AIE). The scheme of Non-Formal Education was discontinued *w.e.f.*, 1.4.2001 and in its place the modified scheme of EGS&AIE was made operational from the same date.

As on 31.3.2001, 2.43 lakh and 0.58 lakh NFE Centre were reported functioning under State and Voluntary Sectors respectively. As and when any complaint was received, it was got investigated by a Joint Evaluation Team comprising the Officers of this Ministry/State Government/NCERT/SCERT and on adverse report, the project in question was cancelled.

Review of UGC grants to Universities

†1862. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants provided to various Universities by the University Grants Commission;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.